

ing, and this is what he saw. In the middle of the room two white-robed little boys, each eagerly looking into the inside of a small white stocking. Santa Claus had not forgotten them, and, from their cries of delight, he must have known just what each one would like. "A top," exclaims one; "and a knife, and candy, and a ball." And "A pencil, box, and book, and some candy too," cries the other, "and way down in the toes, a tiny whistle." And so they laugh and play with their presents, until mamma comes to say "Merry Christmas, boys!" And the boys leave their presents to get dressed. Wasn't that a pretty picture for the sun to see, on his morning call?

FIDO'S TRICKS.

Fido is a large black dog, belonging to Tom, and Tom has taught him many tricks. He will bring Tom's hat to him, many times during the day, and bark, as if to say: "Come, Tom, let us take a walk." He stands on his hind legs and begs, in a very cunning manner, and, if not noticed at once, will dance around, and show off all his tricks, one after the other. Tom will say, "Go to sleep, Fido," and Fido will lie down and shut his eyes, and will not move until Tom says, "Wake up, Fido," when he will spring up very quickly. He helps Tom drive home the cows every evening, and if one of them goes in the wrong direction, Fido runs in front of her and barks, and she soon turns around, and goes toward home.

THE NEW SLED.

James has a new sled, and is very anxious for a snow-storm. One morning he found the ground covered with snow, and after school, tried his new sled. On its side, in big letters, was the word "Speed," and it deserved its name. James would start at the top of the hill, at the same time the other boys did, but reached the foot of the hill before they did, every time. He was very kind, and lent it to several of the boys to try. He spent a very happy afternoon, and made others happy also. The next time there is a good chance for him to use his sled, he is going to take out his little sister, and give her a ride. How she will enjoy it, and what a kind, thoughtful brother she has.

FILLING THE WOOD-BOX.

"Tommy, you must fill the wood-box before you go off